

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 401**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg**

February 15, 2005

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An act to amend the heading of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 33500) of Part 20 of, and to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 33610) to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of, the Education Code, relating to education and workforce preparation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 401, as introduced, Goldberg. Education and Workforce Council.

Existing law establishes various state educational commissions and committees, and various workforce preparation programs, including the activities of the State Job Training Coordinating Council.

Existing federal law establishes the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to provide workforce investment activities, as specified. That act authorizes the Governor to reserve for statewide workforce investment activities not more than 15% of specified funds allotted to the state by the act.

This bill would establish the Education and Workforce Council within the state government, with specified membership, to be chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The bill would require the council to develop a workforce preparation and strategic plan by December 31, 2006, to update the plan biennially thereafter, and to provide policy guidance to the Legislature and to the Governor on emerging issues of workforce development. The bill would also require the council to recommend annually to the Governor the workforce investment activities that should receive funding from the amounts reserved by the Governor

from the state's allotment from the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 33500) of Part 20 of the Education Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 4. STATE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSIONS  
~~AND~~ COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILS

SEC. 2. Article 8 (commencing with Section 33610) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 8. Education and Workforce Council

33610. (a) There is in the state government the Education and Workforce Council, which shall be chaired by the superintendent.

(b) The purposes of the council are both of the following:

(1) To develop and reach consensus on a vision, goals, and strategies to ensure that the state's education system produces the skilled workforce needed for the state's economic development.

(2) To provide a forum for discussion and resolution of policy issues on the alignment of education and workforce preparation.

33611. (a) The council shall be composed of all of the following:

(1) The superintendent.

(2) Two cabinet-level officers appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall represent K-12 education and one of whom shall represent workforce preparation and development.

(3) The President of the University of California.

(4) The Chancellor of the California State University.

(5) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

(b) The members of the council shall serve in an ex officio capacity, and shall serve without compensation, except that they shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the

1 performance of their duties and responsibilities, including travel  
2 expenses.

3 (c) The deputy superintendent who is assigned to the  
4 Curriculum and Instruction Branch of the department, or another  
5 designee of the superintendent, shall serve as the executive  
6 director of the council. Council members shall provide other  
7 support staff, as needed, from existing state personnel, none of  
8 whose positions may be dedicated solely to council work.

9 33612. The council shall do both of the following:

10 (a) (1) Develop a workforce preparation and strategic plan by  
11 December 31, 2006, and update the plan biennially thereafter.

12 (2) The plan required by paragraph (1) shall provide a  
13 blueprint of the manner in which California will synchronize its  
14 education system with economic development planning and  
15 improve the supply of an appropriately skilled and educated  
16 workforce.

17 (3) In developing the plan, the council shall do all of the  
18 following:

19 (A) Use a broad-based collaborative planning process  
20 involving input from key stakeholders.

21 (B) Consider economic and labor market analyses developed  
22 by the Labor Market Information Division of the California  
23 Employment Development Department and by the California  
24 Economic Strategy Panel.

25 (C) Consider best practices from other education and  
26 workforce development systems, including those in other states  
27 and countries.

28 (b) Provide policy guidance to the Legislature and to the  
29 Governor on emerging issues of workforce development.

30 33613. In order to ensure that funding from the amounts  
31 reserved by the Governor for workforce investment activities  
32 from the state's allotment from the federal Workforce Investment  
33 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2801 et seq.) begins by July 1 of  
34 each year, the council, by April 1, 2006, and each April 1  
35 annually thereafter, shall recommend to the Governor the  
36 workforce investment activities that should receive that funding.